

travelling* and hotel expenses involved in sending representatives and staff from New Zealand, Washington, or Ottawa to the numerous meetings of United Nations organs and committees. Equally important, in view of the expansion of the work of the United Nations and its ramifications through the whole field of governmental activity, was the pressing need to have at the seat of the Organization a branch of the Department of External Affairs whose officers might keep in touch with the United Nations Secretariat and see that New Zealand was adequately supplied with United Nations documents and with information on the network of activities of the Organization. Only in this way could New Zealand draw full advantage from its membership of the United Nations and make an adequate contribution.

The staff consists of the Secretary-General (Dr. W. B. Sutch, who is also alternate to the New Zealand representative on the Economic and Social Council), a Second Secretary and two Third Secretaries. The staff is small, but the Permanent Delegation has already proved its usefulness by fulfilling the duties mentioned above and by serving all New Zealand delegations to the United Nations meetings, including those to the meetings of the Trusteeship Council and the Interim Committee of the General Assembly (led by Sir Carl Berendsen) and that (led by Mr. Thorn) to the meetings of the Economic and Social Council. It has proved a great convenience and economy to have available for all such delegations a skilled Secretariat specialized on United Nations matters. A further economy, apparent from the list of conferences in Appendix 2, has been achieved by using this permanent New York staff to sit on various United Nations bodies.

8. NEW ZEALAND CONSULATE-GENERAL, NEW YORK

The New Zealand Consulate-General at New York shares the set of offices of the Permanent Delegation of New Zealand to the United Nations; this is convenient and economical of staff. The present Consul-General, Mr. T. O. W. Brebner, is also the Official Representative of the New Zealand Customs Department at New York. He has continued to perform the usual Consular duties of protecting and promoting New Zealand trade, issuing and renewing passports and visas, helping and advising New Zealanders overseas on commercial and industrial matters and giving them financial aid in case of need, performing notarial services, and receiving and assisting prominent New Zealanders and officials on Government business. His office has also given to businessmen and prospective

* Though, as noted above, the United Nations is prepared to pay the travel fares from New Zealand of certain delegations.